

REMARKS

This is a Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 6, 2004. Applicants thank the Examiner for their time in clarifying the grounds for non-compliance. In this regard, the Examiner indicates the status identifier to use for the amended claims at page 2, paragraph 1, of the Notice. In a voice mail message on October 15, 2004, the Examiner clarifies that page 2, paragraph 2, of the Notice need not be addressed. Accordingly, Replacement sections for the amendments to the specification, and a complete listing of all claims is submitted with the requested status identifier for the amended claims. Applicants therefore respectfully request entry of the Response. Accordingly, claims 18 to 25 are under consideration.

CONCLUSION

Applicants maintain that claims 18 to 25 clearly and patentably define the invention, respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the various grounds set forth in the Office Action, and respectfully request the allowance of the claims which are now pending.

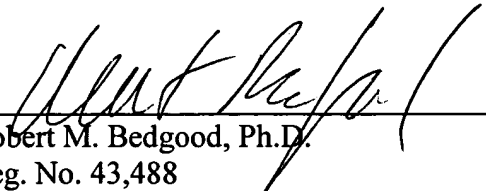
If the Examiner would like to discuss any of the issues raised in the Office Action, Applicant's representative can be reached at (858) 509-4065.

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Respectfully submitted,

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